



# Invasive Plant Eradication Program

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Removing Russian olive, tamarisk, phragmites, and other invasive nonnative plant life on the Jordan River Parkway Trail is a commitment to beautify and let people enjoy the natural world in an urban setting.


# Winchester Park 6400 South 1200 West

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- Removing invasive plant species along the river from 6400 South to 4800 South began in 1990 and took approximately 15 years.
  - With the help of Murray City's arborists every winter for two weeks crews spent time cutting Russian Olives, and Tamarisks and removing them from the area.
  - Fires through the area aided in clean up and removal of invasive plants.
  - In late summer or early fall phragmites are sprayed to keep them in control.
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## 7-acres burned in this area in 2015 close to Arrowhead Park

- Volunteers planted willows, cottonwoods, choke cherry, sumac and other plants
- Volunteer cottonwoods, willows, cattails and other wetland plants grew in as well
- Phragmites were sprayed and have been controlled since the fire.



# Removal took 15 years Before and After







## Volunteers and Partnerships

- Volunteers have been essential for clean up and plantings.
- The Nature Center was done as a partnership with Kennecott Copper and Murray School district.



# Puncture Vine



- Puncture vine control is a maintenance issue. Staff must be vigilant because of the life cycle and the way the seeds are brought into the area.



# Concerted Effort by all who use the trail

- Trail users will put a stick in the ground and spray paint it or use a ribbon marking areas where they see the puncture vine. Then park staff will remove it. We encourage this behavior.
- We hire a seasonal who has a utility vehicle and goes up and down the trail removing trash and weeds and giving out dog treats. The dogs love it and so do the owners. This is great PR and give patrons an opportunity to let us know about problems so we can address them.





# Scottish Thistle

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- Keeping the invasive plants out requires a commitment from staff and others. Vigilance is the key, but worth the effort.
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# Walden Park Restroom built in 1994



- This pavilion/restroom is the oldest on the Jordan River Parkway trail in Murray. It invites people to come to the river and enjoy it and take ownership in helping to maintain it.



# In Summary

